के अपने पत्र से है जिसमें वैशाली क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक की शाखाओं में व्याप्त कथित भ्रष्टाचार के आरोपों की जांच करने की मांग की गयी थी। वैशाली क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक के अध्यक्ष से इन आरोपों की जांच करने और इस संबंध में अपनी रिपोर्ट देने के लिए कहा गया है।

MMTC assistance to Andhra Pradesh Mineral Corporation

2302. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MMTC has any plan to assist the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Corporation in the production and sale of Barytes, Granite, Bauxite and other minerals;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any negotiations are in progress in this regard with the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) An agreement for marketing of Barytes produced by APMC through MMTC has been entered into and MMTC has given financial assistance to improve APMC's liquidity position. Other details are being discussed with APMC.

(c) and (d) The question of MMTC's equity participation in APMC has been referred to Andhra Pradesh Government by APMC Board of Directors. Its outcome is awaited.

Notice to CPWD Union for Member-ship Verification

2303. SHR SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain workers' unions of the C.P.W.D. were given notice of verification of their membership on 2nd December, 1982 by the Assistant Labour Commissioners;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the unions were required to submit within 15 days of the notice the list of members on All India level as on 1st December, 1982;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the workers included (i) muster roll workers (ii) workcharged staff and (iii) regular transferred category staff of the C.P.W.D.; and

(d) if so, what are the names of the unions, their replies and what action has been taken on the basis of the information submitted by the unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) According to the notices issued by the Verification Officer on 2.12.1982 the list of members was required to be submitted on 15.12.1982 by the All-India CPWD Employees Union, on 16.12.1982 by the CPWD Mazdoor Union and on 17.12.1982 by the CPWD Workers' Union.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) After the notices were issued, letters were received from all the three unions seeking clarifications regarding the policy procedure and grant of recognition to unions and/or postponment of verification until after a recognition policy is formulated in consultation with the unions concerned. In the meantime, the

then Ministry of Works and Housing (now Urban Development) granted recognition at the All-India level to the All-India CPWD Mazdoor Union. The matter was taken up with the Ministry of Urban Development. That Ministry took a meeting on 7-12-1986 with the unions in which the unions have sought clarifications regarding the Policy of Recognition. The matter is being further discussed with the unions by the Ministry of Urban Development and action is being taken to expedite verification.

Bonded labour employed for Rajasthan Canal Project

2304. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commission appointed by the Supreme Court to go into the allegation of existence of bonded labour in the Ganganagar district in Rajasthan has indicated the administration of Rajasthan Canal Project for employing bonded labour through contractors; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the contractors and the officers of the administration responsible therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) According to the report received from the Government of Rajasthan, the Commissioner appointed by the Supreme Court in Writ petition filed by Bandhua Mukti Morcha regarding alleged existence of bonded labour in Rajasthan Canal Project, had identified 29 bonded labourers including children in the brick kiln situated at Annopgarh and Gharana in Sriganganagar district (owned by M/s. Verma Construction Co., which is in the approved list of the administration of the Rajasthan Canal Project). These 29 bonded labourers were releasee by the District Administration, Sriganganagar on 19-9-19855. They belonged to the following districts.

1.	Bhiwani (Haryana)	14
2.	Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan)	11
3.	Nagaur (Rajasthan)	4
	TOTAL:	29

After release, these 29 persons were sent to their native places and were provided immediate assistance of Rs. 2257.30. After these bonded labourers reached their respective districts in Rajasthan, rehabilitation projects were p repared for them and the same have been sanctioned by the State Level Screening Committee on 4-1-1986 for Nagaur and on 15-1-1986 for Jhunjhunu. The Rehabilitation projects for these bonded labourers are reported to the quite comprehensive and they envisage provision of rehabilitation assistance as well as subsidy for housing. Implementation of these rehabilitation projects is reported to be in progress. The Haryana Government has been requested by the Central Government to ensure early rehabilitation of the 14 bonded labourers sent to Bhiwani District of the State.

The Government of Rajasthan has further reported that a case against the keeper of the bonded labourers has been registered on 22-9-1985 under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 and investigation is under progress. The State Government is also reported to have instructed the concerned officers to strictly enforce the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act and ensure other welfare measures and see that there is no exploitation of the labourers at the project.